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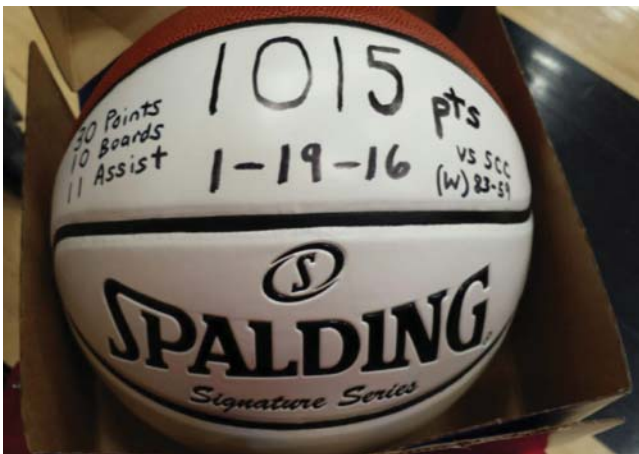
Local News

Tanner Youngberg Surpasses 1,000 Career Points!



PAC-LM hoopster Tanner Youngberg reached an incredible milestone in his high school basketball career at last night's basketball game against South Central Calhoun. The Indians defeated the Titans by a score of 83-59. Tanner had an amazing night with a triple double: 30 points, 10 rebounds and 11 assists. The most memorable stat of the night was Tanner surpassing 1,000 career points, ending the night with 1,015 points for his career thus far!!

Youngberg was honored with a basketball after the game was over. Tanner is a PAC High School Senior and is the son of Sheldon & Marianne Youngberg of Pocahontas. Tanner is the grandson of Lenore Youngberg of Albert City and the late Arlyn Youngberg.



Twin Lakes District Annual Pinewood Derby

Come have a blast at the Twin Lakes District Annual Pinewood Derby! It will be fun for all ages as the cars FLY down the Track! Dads, build your own cars and see if you're good enough to beat your rival.

The event takes place Feb. 21 at 1 p.m. at Crossroads Mall, 217 S 25th St., Fort Dodge. All Scouts and their families are invited. Cost: Scouts: \$5.00/car, Adults and siblings: \$5.00/car. Car check-in begins at 12:15 p.m.

There will be trophies for each Scout division. There will be medals for sibling and adult winners! For refreshments, Zepoles is offering a Pinewood Derby Special of 1 slice of New York style pizza, 1 bread stick, and a pop for \$5.99!

To learn more, contact Activity Chair Greg Kirby (gregorypkirby@yahoo.com or 515-227-8720) or District Executive Linda Ayers (:linda.ayers@scouting.org or 712-261-3256). You can register by going to <https://scoutingevent.com/?TLPWD2016>.



Laurens Swim Team is looking for a coach for the upcoming season. Interested applicants should have swimming experience as well as experience working with children.

Anyone interested can find the application at:

<https://goo.gl/9wymo3>

or by contacting Kelly Tate (712) 450-4396

L-M After Prom Golf Ball Drop Fundraiser
L-M Gym - Friday, January 29 at half time of the boys game. Tickets are \$5 each. There are a guaranteed 5 - \$100 winners! Tickets can be purchased from all parents of a L-M junior.



Win \$100
Cash!

At the Library with Glenda Mulder January 20, 2016

New at the Library this week we have 3 DVDs: *Hotel Transylvania 2*, *The Martian* and *Army Dog*. New novels include: *Blue* by Danielle Steel, *Book of Aron* by Jim Shepard, *The Forgotten Room* by Karen White, *Man Without a Shadow* by Joyce Carol Oates, *My Name is Lucy Barton* by Elizabeth Strout, *NYPD Red 4* by James Patterson, *Orchard Grove* by Vincent Zandri, *The Past* by Tessa Hadley, *The Things We Keep* by Sally Hepworth, *The Winter Girl* by Matt Marinovich and *Scandalous Behavior* by Stuart Woods. In nonfiction we received *Been There, Done That* by Al Roker and *The Collapse of Parenting* by Leonard Sax M.D.

Awards for best Children's books for 2016 were announced recently. Caldecott Medal for the most distinguished American picture book for children went to "*Finding Winnie: The True Story of the World's Most Famous Bear*," (you know we had that because it's about Winnie the Pooh!) illustrated by Sophie Blackall and written by Lindsay Mattick. Newbery Medal for the most outstanding contribution to children's literature went to "*Last Stop on Market Street*," written by Matt de la Peña. We didn't have that book, so when we got a donation from the Women's Club honoring President Jackie Stelter, it seemed like the perfect fit! The book came this week and I had the

opportunity to read it to some first graders. It was interesting seeing their reaction to this book that is set in a big city, so a totally different life than ours. It's a good example of experiencing a different world through a book!

Next Monday our Book Club will be discussing "*Me Before You*" by Jojo Moyes. If you haven't read this book yet, you should! I first read it some time ago and parts of it still haunt my thoughts. In the book Louisa takes a job as the caretaker of Will, who is in a wheelchair after a motorcycle accident. Will believes that since he will not be able to resume his active lifestyle, his life is no longer worth living. The story unfolds from there. Grab a copy, read it quick & join our discussion Monday, January 25th at 7 o'clock. We got something new this week that I'm pretty excited about, but I'm hoping to tell you about it with a picture soon. Stay tuned for more details!

Event Calendar

- Tot Time every Monday at 10 a.m.
- Tell Me a Yarn Mondays 5-7 p.m.
- Writers Free for All is 3rd Monday of the month at 7 p.m.
- Book Club is 4th Monday of the month at 7 p.m.
- Card Making is the 4th Tuesday of the month

Boy Scout Troop 79

Soup Supper

January 21

Laurens Methodist Church
from 4:30 to 7pm

Chili, chicken noodle, and others at
limited quantity with drink and dessert



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*Part Two of New Pool
Perspective in Maili Todd's
words:*

Each season, the current Laurens pool SUFFERS more and more between the day-to-day swimming, swim lessons, swim team use for practices and meets.

There is NO doubt the Earl Mackie Memorial Swimming Pool has served this community extremely well and been the place of so many wonderful memories. But like all great things, there comes a time when the end is inevitable, and it's time for new memories to be possible for the next generations. A swimming pool has the potential to be a fun summertime focal point for entire communities, but our pool is in CRITICAL condition and can NO longer provide that. The facts make it glaringly obvious that our community NEEDS a new pool.

The NEED is there but is the SUPPORT there?

TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATIONS
can be sent to: Laurens Pool Project
c/o City of Laurens
272 North 3rd Street,
Laurens, IA 50554
Like us on Facebook:
Laurens Pool Project
www.laurens-ia.com

**FISH
FRY**



Friday, January 22nd
Serving from 5-8 p.m.

Menu: All You Can Eat Fish, Baked Potato,
Baked Beans, Cole Slaw & Garlic Toast

Come Out &
Enjoy Dinner
with Us!



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LAURENS AREA YOUTH GROUP

JANUARY SCHEDULE

LAURENS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

JANUARY 3RD - HIGH SCHOOL

JANUARY 10TH - JUNIOR HIGH

JANUARY 17TH - HIGH SCHOOL

JANUARY 24TH - JUNIOR HIGH

JANUARY 31ST - HIGH SCHOOL

Junior Prom Pancake Supper

Sponsored by the Laurens Kiwanis

January 29th 4:30-6:30

\$5 per person

Laurens-Marathon Lunchroom

Donations Accepted!



POCAHONTAS DEMOCRATIC PARTY CAUCUS

Monday, February 1, 2016 6:30 PM

You must be in line or signed in by 7:00 p.m. to participate

Democrats will meet at the following Pocahontas County locations:

<u>PRECINCT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
# 1	Laurens State Bank (includes Swan Lake and North Marshall)	102 S. 3rd Street, Laurens
# 2	Rolfe Community Center (includes Des Moines, Cummings, Powhatan, North Sherman, North Roosevelt, North Garfield)	319 Garfield Street, Rolfe
# 3	Pocahontas County Courthouse (included Grant, South Marshall, South Sherman)	99 Court Square, Pocahontas
# 4	Pocahontas County Courthouse (included Pocahontas Center)	99 Court Square, Pocahontas
# 5	Pocahontas County Courthouse (includes Pocahontas # 2, Center, South Roosevelt, North Lincoln, North Lake, South Garfield)	99 Court Square, Pocahontas
# 6	Fonda City Hall (includes Cedar, Colfax, Dover)	104 West Second Street, Fonda
# 7	Pocahontas County Courthouse (includes Bellville, Lizard, South Lincoln, South Lake	99 Court Square, Pocahontas

The purpose of a presidential year caucus is to:

1. Discuss and adopt proposed resolutions to be added to the county platform.
2. Elect Delegates and Alternates to the County Convention.
3. Elect Precinct Committee Persons to the County Central Committee.



All Democrats are encouraged to participate in this grassroots activity!

<p>MONDAY \$2.00 BUD & BUDLIGHT</p>	<p>TACO TUESDAY 5-8PM</p>	<p>THURSDAY CREATE YOUR VERY OWN PERSONAL PAN PIZZA 5-7pm</p>	<p>FRIDAY HAPPY HOUR ~ 5-7pm 1/2 PRICE</p>
<p>WEDNESDAY LUNCH 11am - 1pm January 27</p> <p>Spaghetti Salad Garlic Bread Brownie w/ice cream and chocolate sauce</p>	<p>WEDNESDAY</p> <p>DRINK SPECIALS 4-6PM ~ SAVE 50¢ ON ALL DRINKS/BEER</p>	<p>SILVER DOLLAR SALOON</p> <p>135 N 3rd St—Laurens 712.841.6986</p>	



Laurens 712-841-4930

Spirit Lake 712-336-9111

Toll Free 877-849-1756

Please join us as we throw a party for this special lady's 90th birthday -- never too old to learn new tricks!!



JUNE ALBORN'S 90th!!

Saturday, January 23
2-4 p.m.
Laurens Country Club

If unable to attend, cards would be greatly appreciated and can be sent to: 104 E. Section Line Rd.



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WANTED:

The city of Albert City is now accepting applications for **lifeguard manager** for the upcoming pool season. Manager must hold current lifeguard and CPR/first aid card and CPO certified preferred. Applications can be picked up at city hall. The deadline for applying will be **February 26th**

The city of Albert City is an equal opportunity employer.

***The City of Albert City is accepting applications for the Albert City Pool for **lifeguards**. Lifeguards must hold current lifeguard and CPR/first aid cards. Applications can be picked up at City Hall. The deadline for applying will be **March 25th**

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Calling All Supplies!

The L-M Elementary will be participating in their first MakerDay this Spring! We are asking parents, grandparents, anyone (!) to save/donate the following items during the upcoming months:

Duct Tape

Masking Tape

Straws

Cardboard - thick and thin

Toilet Paper/Paper Towel Tubes

Wrapping Paper Tubes

Egg cartons

Any small items that could be used for wheels (spools, lifesavers, etc.)

These items can be dropped off at the main office of the school (box under the table marked "MakerDay").

If you are a business and would be interested in donating snacks for the elementary students on their MakerDay, please email Meredith Allen: ms.meredithallen@gmail.com.

Save the Date: Friday, March 4th
- MakerDay Open House



*Grace Lutheran
Church Marathon,
Our Savior's
Lutheran Church
Albert City & St John
Lutheran Church
Rural Albert City*

Pastor John Mayer

**Saturdays 5 p.m. Worship Service @ Grace
Lutheran Church - Marathon**

**Sundays 10:30 a.m. Worship @ Our Savior's
Lutheran Church - Albert City**

**Sundays 9:00 a.m. @ St John Lutheran
Church Rural - Albert City**

*This Week at First
Christian Church*

Pastor Rev. Rita Cordell

Thursday, Jan. 21
2 p.m. - Coffee with Pastor

Friday, Jan. 22
7 p.m. - AA

Sunday, Jan. 24
9:30 a.m. - Sunday School
10:30 a.m. - Worship
6-8 p.m. - High School Youth Group at
United Methodist

*This Week at
Bethany Lutheran*

Wednesday: January 20, 2016
5:00 PM - Christian Ed/Youth Mtg.
6:00 PM - 125th Steering Committee Mtg.
7:00 PM - Council Mtg.

Thursday: January 21, 2016
7:00 PM - Hand Bell Rehearsal

Sunday: January 24, 2016
Third Sunday after Epiphany
125th ANNIVERSARY KICK-OFF
9:00 AM - SS & Confirmation
9:15 AM - Coffee Fellowship
10:30 AM - 125th Anniversary Celebration
Kick-Off Worship Service w/ Communion
11:30 AM - Ethnic Potluck
6:00 PM - Youth Group (JH) at UMC

Tuesday: January 26, 2016
10:00 AM - Coffee Time



*This Week at
Laurens United
Methodist Church*

Wed., Jan. 20th:
Worship Committee meeting @ 7 p.m.
Administrative Council @ 8:15 p.m.

Thurs., Jan. 21st:
Boy Scouts Soup Supper held here from
4:30-7 p.m.

Fri., Jan. 22nd:
Men's Bible Study @ 7 a.m.

Sun., Jan. 24th:
Sunday School @ 9:10 a.m.
Fellowship @ 9:30 a.m.
Worship @ 10:30 a.m.
Choir performs
Youth Group (JH) here from 6-8 p.m.



Sacred Heart Church Laurens

Father Francis Makwinja
Weekday Mass : Friday at 8:00 AM
Weekend Mass: Sunday at 10:30 AM (November - February)
Cluster Parishes
St. Joseph Catholic Church, Sioux Rapids
Weekday Mass: (Monday&Wednesday) - 8:00 AM
Weekend Mass: Sunday - 8:30 AM (November - February)
St. Louis Catholic Church, Royal
Weekday Mass: (Tuesday & Thursday) - 8:00 AM
Weekend Mass: Saturday - 5:00 PM (November - February)



Winter Webinar Series Offered for Master Gardeners in 2016

Three part series shows how Master Gardeners support food security



The Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Master Gardener program will host a winter webinar series in 2016. Master Gardeners will gain educational hours while learning the realities of hunger in Iowa, the best way to work with food banks, food safety and more. Two-hour webinars are scheduled at the ISU Extension and Outreach Pocahontas County office for January 7th, January 26th and February 8th.

Winter webinar topics include:

- January 7, 2016 from 5:00-7:00pm - **Hunger in Iowa:** Learn the realities of hunger and teaching methods to use when working with food-insecure adults. Presented by Christine Hradek, food and nutrition educator for ISU Extension and Outreach as well as Susan DeBlieck, Master Gardener program assistant for ISU Extension and Outreach.
- January 26, 2016 from 5:00-7:00pm - **Working with Food Banks:** Find out how Master Gardeners can work with food banks to donate garden produce. Presented by Sara Bonefas, interim director of the Food Bank of Iowa as well as Susan DeBlieck, Master Gardener program assistant for ISU Extension and Outreach.
- February 8, 2016 from 5:00-7:00pm- **Best Practices for Food Safety:** Get information on the best practices for handling garden produce going to food banks and the importance of food safety procedures. Presented by Shannon Coleman, assistant professor in food science and human nutrition and ISU Extension and Outreach specialist as well as Susan DeBlieck, Master Gardener program assistant for ISU Extension and Outreach.

This webinar series is part of a collaborative project between the Master Gardener program in Iowa and the USDA's Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education. This collaboration aims to improve the food environment for Iowans with low income, develop a strategic plan for planting food bank donations in gardens across Iowa, and increase the amount of food donated to food banks by Iowa Master Gardeners. Any Master Gardener wishing to apply for a mini grant to support a food security project is required to register and take part in the webinar series. Mini grant applications for up to \$500 are due on March 1, 2016.

To register, contact Pocahontas County Extension and Outreach Office, at 712-335-3103 or email hfrek@iastate.edu. The webinars are free of charge and open to anyone who may be interested.

Black History Month Celebrated at ISU Extension and Outreach Afterschool Program

The January afterschool program had a special display from the Cedar Rapids African American History Museum to teach children all about Iowa's role in the Underground Railroad. Children at LM and PAC made lanterns to represent the lanterns that were put near a house to show the light to the people seeking freedom. Children in Rolfe made paper quilt squares and made a "quilt" that represented some of the symbols that were used to lead the way to Canada and freedom! The quilt is on display at the Rolfe Public Library, if you get a chance during the month of January, stop in and take a look.

Two gentlemen were showcased during the program, John (Jack) Trice and George Washington Carver. Jack was the first black football player at ISU. He was hurt during a football game in Minnesota and was refused medical service because of his color and was sent back to Ames where he later died due to his injuries during the game. George was born into slavery and became the first black student at Iowa State University. George developed over 300 uses for peanuts, including peanut butter. He also researched and developed hundreds of uses for soybeans, pecans and sweet potatoes.



Biggest Little Paper In Town!

Pocahontas County 4-H Scholarship Applications Available

All Pocahontas County Senior 4-H'ers are encouraged to apply for 1 of up to 10 \$500 Scholarships that will be awarded to the college of their choice. These scholarships are made available by the generous donations to the Pocahontas County 4-H Endowment each year. Applications are available online at www.extension.iastate.edu/pocahontas or may be picked up at the ISU Extension and Outreach Office Pocahontas County. All applications are due no later than February 1, 2016. No late applications will be accepted.

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Growing Your Farm Business is Goal of New Educational Series

Farming is big business and training farmers to manage and build their business is the goal of a new program offered to aspiring, new and established farmers. Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, through a grant from the United States Department of Agriculture, will offer an eight-week program geared toward helping participants plan, market and manage their farm.

From The Ground Up: Creating a Plan to Grow Your Farm Business will be held on Monday evenings Feb. 8 – March 28 at the Beginning Farmer Center in Urbandale, Iowa.

Each session will cover a different topic, with participants learning about farm assessment, marketing, pricing, management, operations and production protocols.

“By using experienced farmers and industry service providers as resources, this course will provide education to a new generation of farmers as they look to make their business grow and profit,” said Margaret Smith, value added agriculture specialist with ISU Extension and Outreach. “ISU Extension and Outreach’s partnership with the USDA and the Iowa State University Beginning Farmer Center has allowed us to provide the tools necessary for Iowa’s farmers to better plan, manage and grow their business.”

The average age of farmers in Iowa is 57 years and continues to increase. With so many farmers nearing retirement a new generation is ready to step in, continue and diversify production. This course will provide tools to help young farmers manage and grow their farms while also providing a network of experienced farmers who can pass their knowledge on to the next generation.

There are many practical applications provided to participants. Every attendee will complete a written three-to five-year business plan which shows a clear path to growth and profit, receive both peer and professional reviews of the plan and learn how to present that plan to family members and lenders.

Cost of the program, including meals, is \$200 and participants can register at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/bfc/growing-iowa-farmers>.

Energy Efficient Healthy Homes Workshop Series Offered in Fort Dodge

Creating energy efficient healthy homes brings forward concepts which can be applied to any home or other occupied building. Today’s advanced energy efficiency construction practices can make homes and other buildings more efficient, affordable, comfortable, and healthy.

Webster County Extension & Outreach is offering a series of three free workshops for area residents to learn more about energy efficiency. The first workshop entitled “Home Tightening and Air Sealing” is scheduled for Saturday, February 6th from 10:00 a.m. to noon at the Webster County Extension office located at 217 S. 25th Street, Suite C12 in Fort Dodge (entrance on the south side of the Crossroads Mall). Presenter Bill McAnally, McAnally Consulting, will share ideas on some simple methods of saving energy while not creating moisture problems in the home. “Air sealing is sometimes more important than the amount of insulation in a structure,” McAnally commented. “There will be plenty of time for program participants to ask questions and get answers related to their own homes.”

Future presentations will be Saturday, February 13th on “Energy Efficient Lighting”, and on Saturday, February 20th, on “Geothermal Installation”,

If you are planning on doing some home improvements or if you are wondering about improved energy efficiency, these workshops will provide opportunities to ask specific questions of these experts. There is no cost to attend any of the workshops. Pre-registration is requested, but not required to attend. To reserve your seat, please contact the Webster County Extension Office by phone at 515-576-2119, or by e-mail at xwebster@iastate.edu